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regularly on this floor to fight for programs that will provide better healthcare for all of Nebraskans, and particularly those who are more vulnerable. And it would be hypocritical if I did not stand up and support this type of opportunity, that we as a state have, to make healthcare better in this state. So again, I reiterate my support for Senator Jensen's amendment, and certainly will be voting in support of that.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Byars. Senator Chambers, to the Jensen amendment to LB 1085.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I have not been gone the whole time. I've done some work in the law library, I've done some work in my office. And while I was here earlier this morning I saw Senator Brashear's amendment. I heard people offering amendments to amendments. And without using the term "dog" to disparage his bill, but to make a point, Senator Brashear's amendment was the dog. The amendments to his amendment were the fleas. Why should I waste my time killing fleas when the dog was going to die? And Senator Aguilar reminded everybody of my philosophy; the king cobra wastes no venom on dead things. So why am I here now? Sometimes I will attend a funeral. I would like to ask Senator Jensen a question, if he will answer it.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Would you respond, Senator Jensen?

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Jensen, have you talked to Senator Wickersham about your amendment?

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes, for months.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And does he agree with your amendment?

SENATOR JENSEN: With my amendment?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR JENSEN: He would have to say that himself. Probably